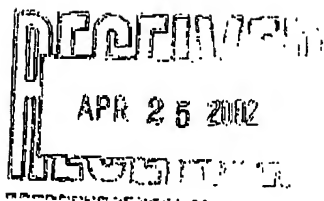


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As we discussed via phone earlier today, please find attached from my files for this application a copy of a preliminary amendment that was mailed to the Patent Office on April 13, 2002, but apparently not considered in the non-final Office Action mailed on July 9, 2003. I also include from my files a copy of a return receipt post card evidencing that this preliminary amendment was received by PTO on April 19, 2002.

I would appreciate it if the Office would reissue the Office Action taking into consideration the preliminary amendment. Could you please let me know if the Office is going to do this so that I can update my docket and advise the client accordingly. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Prior to amending this application for the first time, please amend and consider the allowability of the application in view of the following.

In the Specification:

On page 1, following the title, please insert the following:

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